

Senate Resolution 706

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st, Williams of the 19th, Hooks of the 14th, Shafer of the 48th,
Moody of the 56th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing his Excellency Claudio Leoncavallo, Consul General of Switzerland in Atlanta,
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 1, 2009, his Excellency Claudio Leoncavallo became Consul General
4 of Switzerland in Atlanta, Georgia, for the Southeastern United States, which includes the
5 States of Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina,
6 South Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas; and

7 WHEREAS, his Excellency Claudio Leoncavallo brings a wealth of experience to his post
8 as Consul General of Switzerland in Atlanta, Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, his Excellency Claudio Leoncavallo has expressed his desire to reinforce and
10 contribute to the expansion of the longstanding and friendly relations between the United
11 States and Switzerland; and

12 WHEREAS, Switzerland is a significant economic partner with the State of Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, numerous Swiss companies and subsidiaries, including, but not limited to,
14 Sigvaris, Inc., of Peachtree City, Fischer Connectors of Alpharetta, and CIBA Vision of
15 Duluth, create and sustain jobs here in Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of this State to increase these mutually beneficial
17 economic ties by attracting, retaining, and growing Switzerland economic investments,
18 businesses, and operations in this state; and

19 WHEREAS, it is the desire of this body to encourage greater collaborations and exchanges
20 between Georgia and Switzerland in fields of scientific research; and

21 WHEREAS, it will be mutually beneficial to foster stronger cultural ties and exchanges
22 between this State and Switzerland by means of foreign student exchange programs between
23 institutions of higher learning.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize and welcome Consul General Claudio Leoncavallo to Atlanta and express support
26 of the aforementioned goals.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to his Excellency Claudio Leoncavallo,
29 Consul General of Switzerland in Atlanta, Georgia.